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Nikisha Williams

Education

Freed-Hardeman University Teaching Licensure Program	2013-2015
The University of Southern Mississippi Master of Music, Choral Conducting	2011-2013
The University of Southern Mississippi Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance <i>Soprano</i> Minor: Theater	2008-2011

Additional Education

Faulkner State Community College	2007-2008
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Teaching Experience

Level 1 Music Theory Professor NYU Tish – New Studio on Broadway	2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>taught basic reading and writing of music notation</i>• <i>Introduced solfege and sight singing</i>• <i>Taught basic keyboard skills</i>• <i>Created own curriculum based on Tonal Harmony 7th Edition Textbook</i>	
Director of Choral Activities White Station High School	2014-2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Director, featured performance: International Champions of High School A Cappella Competition New York City, NY 2016</i>• <i>Conductor, featured performance: Tennessee Music Education Association Conference Memphis, TN 2015</i>• <i>Conductor, featured performance: Holocaust Day of Remembrance Tennessee Holocaust Commission Nashville, TN 2015</i>	

- *Director, featured performance: National A Cappella Convention Memphis, TN 2015-2016*
- *Rehearse, 9th Grade Women's Beginning Choir, Honors Intermediate Women's Choir, Honors Advanced Women's Choir, Honors Mixed Chorale, Key of She A Cappella choir*
- *Arrange travel plans for tours*
- *Connect with parents and guardians about the program*
- *Recruit potential choir members from middle schools*
- *Register students for competitions and honor choirs*
- *Plan performances*

Assistant Director of Choral Activities

2013-2014

White Station High School

- *Conductor, featured performance: American Choral Directors Association Regional Convention Jacksonville, FL 2014*
- *Assistant in rehearsals and teaching for 9th Grade Women's Beginning Choir, Honors Intermediate Women's Choir, Advanced Mixed Choir, Men's Choir, Advanced Women's Choir*
- *Taught Elective Music Appreciation Class*

Graduate Assistant

2011-2013

The University of Southern Mississippi

- *Conduct Women's Choir and Chamber Singers*
- *Rehearse Advanced Mixed Ensemble*
- *Arrange travel plans for tours*
- *Assistant conductor for a cappella girl group*

Additional Assistant Conducting Jobs

Rhodes Master Singers Section Leader

2016

- *Rehearse Soprano Section*

Mississippi Boulevard Baptist Church

2013-2015

- *Rehearse choir*

Parkway Heights United Methodist

2012-2013

- *Rehearse choir*
- *Conduct music during services*

Additional Music Teaching Experience

Voice Teacher

since 2011

- *Coach Broadway performers on auditions*
- *Teach high school and non-music majors at collegiate level*
- *Musical theater coaching with high school students around the country*

Youth Praise Team Director	2014-2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rehearsed 4th and 5th grade singers</i> • <i>Chose repertoire for Sunday services</i> 	
Show Choir Soloist Judge	2012
Purvis High School Show Choir Invitational	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Judge middle school and high school students on intonation, diction, poise, and overall performance value</i> 	
Show Choir Middle School Counselor	2011-2012
Southern Experience Show Choir and Choral Camp	
The University of Southern Mississippi	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Assist with teaching music and choreography to middle school show choir</i> 	
Vocal Coach, Rehearsal Technician for Musicals	2014-2016
White Station High School Memphis, TN	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee</i> • <i>Fame</i> • <i>Hairspray</i> 	

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Young Music Educator Award	2016
<i>Tennessee Music Education Association</i>	
Outstanding Music Direction – 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee	2016
<i>Memphis High School Musical Theater Awards (Nomination)</i>	
Lead Actress in a Musical – Memphis The Musical	2016
<i>Memphis Ostrander Award (Nomination)</i>	
First Place, Upper Level Musical Theatre	2013
<i>National Association of Teachers Singing, State Competition</i>	

Customer Service Experience

Singing Server	2016-2017
Ellen's Stardust Diner	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provide customer service to guests</i> • <i>Perform for the guests while simultaneously tending to guests needs</i> • <i>Take orders and make sure items are delivered to table in timely manner</i> • <i>Heavy lifting of stocked food items</i> • <i>Clean and organize restaurant</i> • <i>Work with management to immediately address customer related concerns</i> • <i>Familiar with restaurant computer software</i> • <i>Assist with large parties in restaurant</i> 	

Broadway National Tours

Hamilton	Eliza Hamilton	Philip National Tour
The Color Purple	Swing, U/S Celie	Broadway National Tour

Regional

The Color Purple	Swing, U/S Celie	Paper Mill Playhouse
Candlelight Processional	Voices of Liberty	Walt Disney World Resort
Memphis	Felicia Farrell	Playhouse on the Square
Pagliacci	Ensemble	Opera Memphis
Don Giovanni	Ensemble	Opera Memphis
Hairspray	Dynamite	Playhouse on the Square

Training

Voice: Classically Trained	J. Taylor Hightower, Lexa Ferrill
On Camera Acting	T. Schreiber Studios
Basic level: Hip-Hop, Tap	Broadway Dance Center

Professional Affiliations

Actors' Equity Association	since 2016
Contemporary A Cappella Society	2015-2016
National Association for Music Educators	2013-2016
Tennessee Music Educators Association	2013-2016
West Tennessee Music Educators Association	2013-2016
American Choral Directors Association	2012-2016

Other Non-Music Related Skills

- Familiar with Microsoft Office program

References

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